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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No. 03702/0200425-USO	
	First Inventor Masanori Igarashi	
	Title	REAR VEHICLE BODY STRUCTURE
	Express Mail Label No.	

APPLICATION ELEMENTS See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.	ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 45]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 4]
5. ☐ Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets 3]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper
 - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☒ Other: Certificate of Express Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.10

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: _____

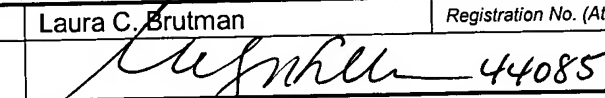
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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity
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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	770.00
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1)	(\$)	770.00
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	11	-20** =	0.00
Independent Claims	6	-3** =	258.00
Multiple Dependent			

	Large Entity	Small Entity
1. Revenue Recognition	Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied, which is typically when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.	Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied, which is typically when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer.
2. Expense Recognition	Expenses are recognized when the related asset is consumed or the liability is incurred, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.	Expenses are recognized when the related asset is consumed or the liability is incurred, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.
3. Asset Recognition	Assets are recognized when the company has control over the resource, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.	Assets are recognized when the company has control over the resource, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.
4. Liability Recognition	Liabilities are recognized when the company has an obligation to transfer resources, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.	Liabilities are recognized when the company has an obligation to transfer resources, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.
5. Equity Recognition	Equity is recognized when the company has a residual interest in the assets, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.	Equity is recognized when the company has a residual interest in the assets, which is typically when the performance obligation is satisfied.

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	2202	9	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201	43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2)	(\$)	258.00
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****or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above**

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity
<p>1. Revenue Recognition</p> <p>Large entities use the percentage of completion method for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue as work progresses. Small entities often use the cost of sales method, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p>	<p>1. Revenue Recognition</p> <p>Small entities often use the cost of sales method for long-term contracts, recognizing revenue only when the contract is completed.</p>
<p>2. Inventory Valuation</p> <p>Large entities use the FIFO (First In, First Out) method for inventory valuation. Small entities may use the LIFO (Last In, First Out) method, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p>	<p>2. Inventory Valuation</p> <p>Small entities may use the LIFO (Last In, First Out) method for inventory valuation, which can provide a tax advantage in periods of rising prices.</p>
<p>3. Depreciation</p> <p>Large entities use the MACRS (Modified Accelerated Cost Recovery System) for depreciation. Small entities may use the straight-line method, which spreads the cost of an asset evenly over its useful life.</p>	<p>3. Depreciation</p> <p>Small entities may use the straight-line method for depreciation, which spreads the cost of an asset evenly over its useful life.</p>
<p>4. Bad Debt Expense</p> <p>Large entities use the allowance method for bad debt expense, estimating the amount of uncollectible accounts at the end of each period. Small entities may use the direct write-off method, recognizing bad debt expense only when an account is deemed uncollectible.</p>	<p>4. Bad Debt Expense</p> <p>Small entities may use the direct write-off method for bad debt expense, recognizing bad debt expense only when an account is deemed uncollectible.</p>
<p>5. Lease Accounting</p> <p>Large entities use the ASC 842 (Leases) for lease accounting, recognizing lease liabilities and assets on the balance sheet. Small entities may use the ASC 840 (Leases), which allows for the use of the operating lease method.</p>	<p>5. Lease Accounting</p> <p>Small entities may use the ASC 840 (Leases) for lease accounting, which allows for the use of the operating lease method.</p>

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	40.00
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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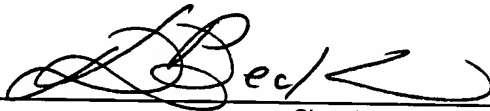
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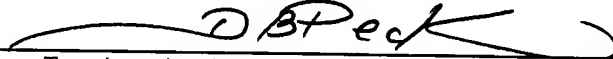
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